

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, Spang trains in Romania; Airmen take U.S., British Army paratroopers up for big plunge; Tactical Air Controllers; and Aviano docs make house calls.

## News briefs

### Wing commander's call

Brig. Gen. Don Hoffman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, holds three commander's calls for military members at 8 and 10 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Spangdahlem gym. People should contact their supervisor to determine which one to attend.

### Family Day change

The 52nd Fighter Wing has re-scheduled its Family Day for Sept. 8 to accommodate the deployment of three squadrons for Air Expeditionary Force commitments.

### Bitburg repaving project

Brischetto Loop in the Bitburg military housing area is designated a one-way road during parking lot repaving. The one-way lane is from the corner of Brischetto and Keene Moore Street, by Anthony's Pizza, proceeding counter-clockwise to the corner of Brischetto and McAree Circle, by the base exchange.

Drivers are asked to proceed with caution and pay special attention to signs marking changes in traffic flow. Call Staff Sgt. Robert Lewis at 452-6747 for more information.

### Assumption of command

Col. Steven Forsythe assumes command of the 52nd Dental Squadron at 10 a.m. today in the Officer's Club. The dental clinics on Spangdahlem and Bitburg are closed 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today for the ceremony. Call the Bitburg emergency room at 453-3456 for dental emergencies during ceremony hours.

### Block party

The First Sergeants Council holds a block party for all unaccompanied members beginning at noon Aug. 11 at the base pavilion near the bowling alley. Food and entertainment is free.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tilmon Hodges Jr. at 452-6123.

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Senior Airman Aimee Zick, Spangdahlem Top Dollar Team cashier, cashes a check for a customer during last week's competition.

Staff Sgt. Ken Bergmann

## Spang cashes in at Top Dollar

### Team takes USAFE honors for third consecutive year

By Tech. Sgt. Joe Bela  
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Betting on Spangdahlem Air Base is like money in the bank.

The 52nd Fighter Wing's comptroller and contracting team from Germany captured its third straight U.S. Air Forces in Europe Top Dollar title July 27, by besting Aviano AB, Italy, 8,781 to 8,608. Incirlik AB, Turkey, finished third with 8,261 points.

USAFE Top Dollar is an annual contingency training program, established in a competitive format to hone the skills of contracting and comptroller people. Typical Top Dollar events involve purchasing and military pay issues.

Top Dollar puts scenarios together in a stressful environment — to include working in chemical warfare gear — where competitors face competing priorities simultaneously and then have to make choices. Comptroller and contracting people are necessary to every deployment exercise and contingency operation in the Air Force and are usually the first to arrive and the last to leave, said Col. Barbara Cain, USAFE Top Dollar 2000 camp commander.

Participants work through scenarios such as working with foreign vendors and foreign currency, encountering questions of legality when it comes to purchases, said Cain, who is chief of the Financial Service Division for the headquarters USAFE Directorate of Comptroller and Financial Management.

A typical scenario tests a competitor's contracting skills, said Cain.

"Can they go out and buy what they need from local vendors

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## AF ensures people at risk receive anthrax shots

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is responding to details outlined by Deputy Secretary of Defense Rudy deLeon on the temporary slowing of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, or AVIP.

This slow down was necessary because of limitations in the supply of FDA-approved safe and effective vaccine. According to a July 17 policy letter signed by the deputy secretary, those deployed to the high-risk theaters of Southwest Asia and

Korea for at least 30 days will continue to be vaccinated. Vaccinations for people deploying to these areas should begin prior to arrival in theater and are authorized to begin up to 45 days prior to deployment.

Upon return from the high-threat areas, further immunizations will be deferred.

According to DOD policy, people who have to defer immunizations will not need to restart the series unless they only receive one dose and then wait more than two years

before they get a second dose.

The Air Force is working with DOD officials to redistribute its supply of anthrax vaccine as needed to support the Defense Department-directed slowdown. According to deLeon, the program will resume fully once the Defense Department has additional FDA-approved vaccine.

"In the meantime, the other pillars of our Force Health Protection Program — protective gear, biological agent detectors

and antibiotic treatment — will help protect people at risk," he said.

Programs to educate and inform people about the biological agent threat and the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine will continue during the period of slowed implementation and upon full program resumption. More information on this immunization program can be found at the AVIP web site [www.anthrax.osd.mil](http://www.anthrax.osd.mil). (Air Force Print News)

## Top Dollar

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at a deployed location? Can they get a good price? Are they bartering? Are they trying to buy things that a commander may want, but that may not be considered legal purchases according to congressional guidelines?"

On the military pay and accounting side, "are we paying our troops correctly? Are they receiving their special entitlements — imminent danger pay, combat zone tax exclusions. And what about special leave accrual?" she said. "So there are a multitude of issues that our competitors have to deal with."

During the week-long Top Dollar 2000 competition, Aviano led going into the final day, but Spangdahlem was able to come from behind to win.

"We never truly knew where we stood," said Capt. Darrell Williams, Spangdahlem Top Dollar team chief.

"A team could finish first one day and not even place the next," said Williams. "We felt confident we were in the hunt for the top spot, but cumulatively, we just didn't know

for sure where we stood. We did nothing more than pull together as a team."

"We had some concerns after Tuesday (July 25) because we didn't place high in the daily counts," said Staff Sgt. David Smith, accountant and budget noncommissioned officer. "But at the same time, other teams we felt had done well didn't place at all."

Several members of the Spangdahlem team attribute their win to specific events which hurt other teams throughout the week.

"I think the biggest overall edge we had came during the chem gear segment," said Senior Airman Edward Butler, military and travel pay. "Every team, except us, had 'kills.' It hurt because you lost that person for a full hour as a result."

Spangdahlem's team now represents USAFE at the Air Force competition later this year. While the USAFE event is held annually, Air Force-wide Top Dollar competitions take place every two years.



Staff Sgt. Laura Sparks

### All washed up

Col. Alan Thompson, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander, struggles to gain control of a fire hose from his son, Chad. The entire Thompson family turned out for the traditional dousing following the colonel's "fini flight" July 27. Thompson and his family depart Spangdahlem Air Base Monday to become the Air Force ROTC professor of aerospace science at the University of Pittsburgh, Pa. Col. John Watkins will become the vice commander. Watkins is currently the executive officer to the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander at Ramstein AB.

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### Military voting assistance

Military Voting Week takes place Monday through Aug. 11. Unit voting assistance representatives are available at the following times and locations to help people fill out absentee registration forms and answer questions:

#### Spangdahlem

■ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the commissary and post office, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Saber Club.

■ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the medical clinic and post office, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Saber Club.

#### Bitburg

■ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the commissary.

■ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the hospital mail lobby.

#### Geilenkirchen

■ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the finance office.

Call unit representatives for more information. They are:

■ 52nd Medical Group, Capt. Tammy Karamarinov at 452-8157

■ 52nd Support Group, 2nd Lt. Chris Harper at 452-5099

■ 52nd Logistics Group, Senior Master Sgt. Dave Westwood at 452-6455

■ 52nd Operations Group, Master Sgt.

Tonya Pineda at 452-6805

■ 52nd Comptroller Squadron, 2nd Lt. Jane Perez at 452-5980

### Commissaries closed

The Bitburg and Spangdahlem commissaries close Wednesday for an official function. They reopen at 10 a.m. Thursday. Call the Spangdahlem commissary at 452-6606 or the Bitburg commissary at 453-7211 for details.

### Nature trail closed

The base nature trail closes 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 15 due to firearms training. Call Tech. Sgt. Robert Hammond at 452-6287 for more information.

### Visa for Italy

Military and Department of Defense civilian family members moving to Italy need a visa before entering the country, according to Rita Merkes, personnel affairs assistant. Visas are available through the Italian consulate in Frankfurt. Visas can't be issued in Italy.

Not acquiring a visa before reaching Italy may result in family members having to return to the losing installation to obtain one. Family members who are European citizens don't require a visa. Applications and information are available at the passport office on Spangdahlem in building 131. Call 452-6813 for details.

### Unit supplies

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office offers an alternative to purchasing through base supply. Items usually in stock include laptop computers, electrical items, sheet metal and more, according to DRMO officials.

Call 453-7461 to find out if the DRMO warehouse has items needed in stock. Call the supply customer service center at 452-6870 for more information.

### USAFE vice commander

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** - Secretary of Defense William Cohen announced July 26 the presidential nomination of Lt. Gen. Charles R. Holland, current vice commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, for appointment to general with reassignment as command in chief, U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Maj. Gen. Glen W. Moorhead III is expected to replace Holland. The president nominated Moorhead for promotion to lieutenant general in conjunction with his reassignment to USAFE. The 31-year Air Force veteran is currently assigned as assistant deputy chief of staff, air and space operations, U.S. Air Force headquarters, Pentagon.

### Iranian carpet ban lifted

**MANNHEIM, Germany** — A new

dispensation now allows U.S. travelers and military service members to ship Iranian carpets, rugs or tapestries back to the United States.

The exception to policy also includes importing Iranian foods, although a U.S. embargo on other Iranian goods and products remains.

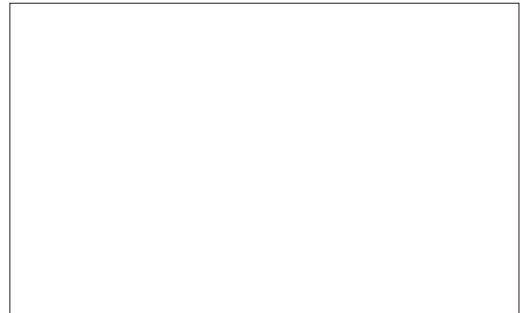
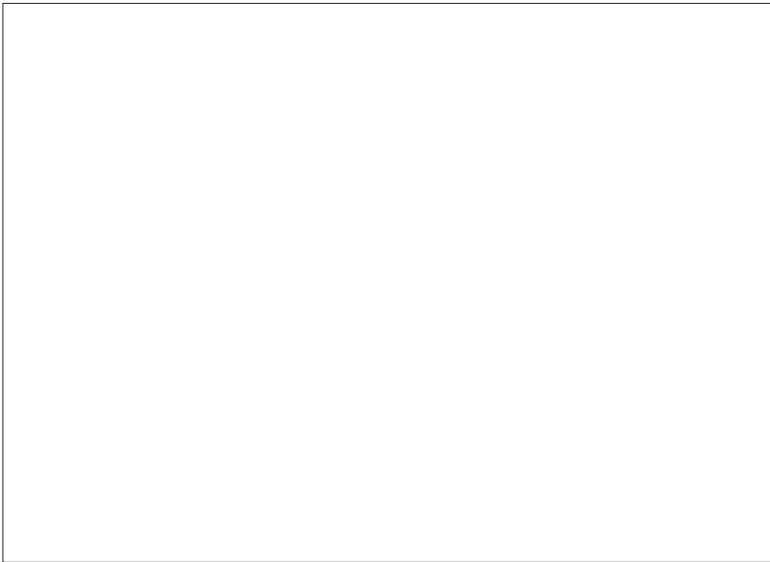
There are, however, some conditions that must be met, said Michael Burkert of the U.S. European Command Customs Executive Agency. No agricultural restrictions exist for Iranian products commonly available in Europe, such as dried fruits, dried nuts and caviar.

Burkert said it's important not to confuse this relaxation of the Iranian embargo with sanctions against other nations like Iraq, Cuba, North Korea, Libya and Yugoslavia. More information on U.S. embargoes is available on-line from the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control at [www.treas.gov/ofac/](http://www.treas.gov/ofac/).

### Logistics commander board

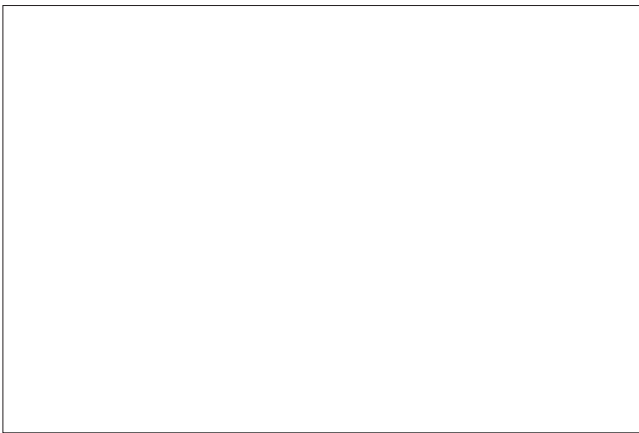
**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — A nomination board takes place at the Air Force Personnel Center Sept. 5-8 to nominate officers to fill logistics squadron commander positions projected to rotate in 2001.

Complete eligibility criteria and additional information can be found at the AFPC Squadron Commander's web site, available from military domain sites.



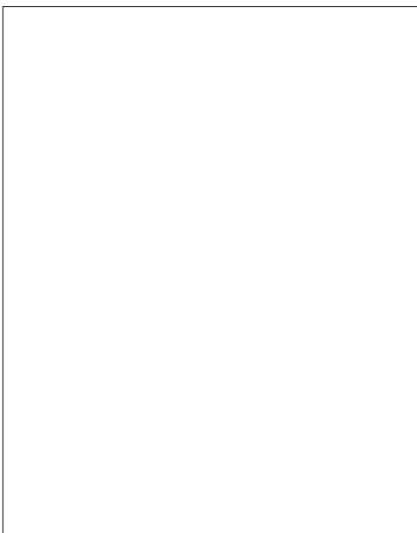
photos by Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Left, Senior Master Sgt. Ivan Godwin and Senior Airman Michael Stothers, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, demonstrate how to operate a fire truck water hose with the help of a Slovak boy. Above, Master Sgt. Charles Pierce, acting first sergeant from the 81st Fighter Squadron, posts redeployment schedules.



Staff Sgt. Teresa Rudd, medical technician, and Capt. (Dr.) Scott Hartwich, flight surgeon, perform a minor procedure on a U.S. servicemember.

Staff Sgt. Rodel Delacruz, 52nd Communications Squadron, adjusts a radio communications antenna at the top of the control tower.



Senior Airman T. Lupkin, 52nd CES, breaks down the operations tent.

## About 200 members from Spangdahlem spent the past two weeks making their **Home on the range**

**By Capt. Glen Roberts**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Most of the nearly 200 people and eight A-10's from Spangdahlem Air Base returned home this past weekend following a two-week deployment to Slovakia.

The last few airmen arrived back at the base Wednesday. The deployment was the second in the past four months to the 33rd Air Base in Malacky, Slovakia, following a bi-lateral memorandum of agreement between the United States and the NATO-aspiring country, according to Capt. Bill James, deployment project officer.

Currently, the United States has such agreements with Germany, Turkey and

Hungary. A third trip to Malacky takes place in September, when a 16th Air Force unit deploys to the Slovak base to complete the agreement.

A typical day during the recent deployment featured 12-16 flights to the Kuchnya tactical range, located about five miles from the Slovak base, James said. There, pilots dropped practice bombs and fired inert rounds from their aircraft guns at targets built by the Slovak air force. Pilots completed more than 140 sorties in the two weeks.

In addition, U.S. and Slovak military members showcased their aircraft and other hardware during an open house that drew more than 4,000 visitors.

# Summer heat complicates pet travel at high PCS time

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — For some furry family members, summer heat could mean being left behind as most commercial airlines place embargoes on pet travel when temperatures go above 85 degrees.

Due to outside temperatures, two out of three domestic commercial airlines contacted placed embargoes on pet travel through mid-September, making air travel with pets all but impossible on domestic and international flights.

One commercial carrier accommodates domestic pet travel during the summer months by offering a service guaranteeing pets traveling on their commercial flights as cargo are last to be loaded and first to be unloaded. However, the cost for such service can reach up to \$500 one-way, depending on the pet's size and weight.

For military families traveling to and from overseas assignments via chartered flights pets are easily accommodated, as long as reservations are made well in advance.

"(Department of Defense) passengers traveling on permanent change of station orders may request pet spaces, in conjunction with their seat reservation, from any DOD transportation office," said Randy Saunders, chief of passenger reservations at Scott AFB, Ill., AMC headquarters. "I recommend making pet reservations as soon as possible after being notified of a PCS to have the best chance of securing a space for them."

Military families traveling to most



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

**Airman 1st Class Eric Clawson cuddles his dog Tyger.**

overseas locations may bring two pets with them; however, waivers are available on a first-come, first-served basis for any additional pets.

Passengers bringing pets with them on military chartered flights are responsible for the cost of their pet's travel and are charged based on weight and destination.

"In most cases it'll cost \$85 for pets 70 pounds or under," Saunders said. "But the price doubles to about \$170 for pets between 71 and 99 pounds. We don't take pets that weigh more than 100 pounds."

While getting pets to their appropriate port of call is the responsibility of the pet owner, Saunders said that although there are no guarantees, the airlines operating the military charter flights are their best bet because there are no heat restrictions placed on them. He estimates contract flights move about 1,000 pets per month.

Contact the traffic management office at 452-6661 for information on traveling with pets.

## Community Mailbox

### Special service

"Rockin' with the Cross," a contemporary Protestant worship service, takes place 6 p.m. Saturday in the Bitburg Chapel. All denominations are invited. Call Rob Britton at 06565-944332 or Chaplain (Maj.) Karl Wiersum at 452-6711 for details.

### Blood donation

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron sponsors a blood drive 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in building 124. Medical officials recommend only three hours of light labor after blood donation. Call Senior Airman Christopher Jones at 452-6738 for details.

### Software training

Windows 2000 Professional Installing, Configuring and Administering is offered to unit workgroup managers, equipment custodians and other users 8-10 a.m. Aug. 11, 18 and 25 in the wing conference room, building 23. Call the 52nd Communications Squadron at 452-5384 for details or to register.

### Ladies night

The King Citadel Military Lodge 163 Ladies Appreciation Night takes place 7 p.m. Aug. 12 at Eifel Sport in Gondorf. A free buffet-style dinner and champagne is offered for women. E-mail [charles.woolsey@spang-\(no hyphen\)dahlem.af.mil](mailto:charles.woolsey@spang-(no hyphen)dahlem.af.mil) or [jimmy.moore@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:jimmy.moore@spangdahlem.af.mil) for details.

### Gang awareness meeting

The Boys and Girls Club of America hosts a seminar 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 14 and 15 in building 2011, Room 304, on Bitburg. Registration deadline is today. Call Thomas Stevens at 452-6721 or Samson McCoy at 452-6120 for details or to register.

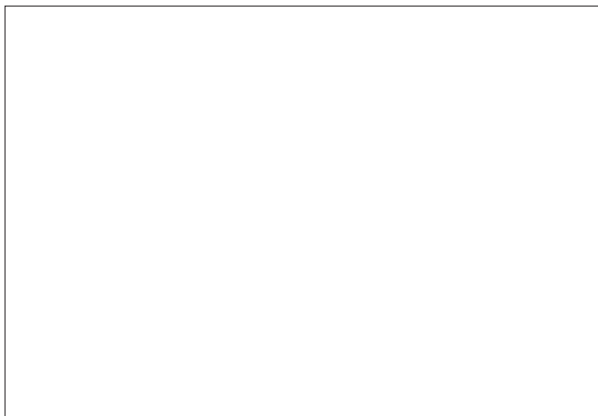
### National Night Out

National Night Out, a crime and drug prevention event, takes place 3:30-8 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Spangdahlem movie theater parking lot.

Activities and events include music, a military working dog demonstration, obstacle course, a bicycle and roller blade rodeo, scavenger hunt and more. Call Jean Butel at 452-8299 for details.

### Extreme Summer

The Harlem Ambassadors play at Spangdahlem at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the fitness center. Call the base community center at 452-6567 for details.



Staff Sgt. Shelly Barton

### Road rules

**Master Sgt. Scott Hardin, 52nd Fighter Wing safety office, coaches Kensie Raymond through the bicycle rodeo confidence course during Safety Camp July 24. Wing safety officials spoke to camp participants about local bicycling rules and offered safety inspections. Some of those safety rules include wearing helmets, and having front and rear lights, bell and reflectors. In addition, wearing reflective belts or vests is recommended.**

### Schwenk sale

The 52nd Chiefs Group schwenk sale takes place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 18 in the Spangdahlem Post Office parking lot. Cost is \$5 for a sandwich, chips and soda. Sandwich only is \$4. Deutchmarks are accepted. Call Chief Master Sgt. Lloydette Joseph at 452-6414 for more information.

### Nurses needed

Family Advocacy needs volunteer nurses to help with the New Parent Support Program. Call 452-8279 or 453-3129 for details.

### Community connection

Visit <http://intranet/52SG/ECC>, the Eifel Community Connection, for information on the base Family Advocacy program, the Health and Wellness Center and more.

### Public speaking

The Spangdahlem Toastmasters Club offers guidance on improving speaking and presentation skills. Call Charles Shoulders at 452-5635 for more information.

### Family support center news

All of the following classes and seminars take place in the family support center on Bitburg unless otherwise indicated. For more information or to register, call 453-7491.

■ A federal jobs workshop takes place 8-10 a.m. Tuesday in building 2001. The workshop offers federal job application guidance.

■ A Spouse orientation takes place 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 11. Meet in building 307 on Spangdahlem for local area

information and a tour of Speicher.

■ A home-buying seminar takes place 6-8 p.m. Aug. 14 and 31 in building 2001.

■ A money management seminar takes place 6-8 p.m. Aug. 15 in building 2001.

■ The class "English as a Second Language" is offered 1-3 p.m. Aug. 16, 23 and 30 in building 2001.

■ A veteran's affairs benefit briefing takes place 2:30-4:30 p.m. Aug. 17 in building 2001.

■ The seminar "On Becoming an Educated Person" is held 1-3 p.m. Aug. 21 and 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24 in building 2001. This class for high school or entry-level college students discusses study skills and offers guidance.

■ A financial planning course takes place 6-8 p.m. Aug. 22 in building 2001.

■ A basic investing seminar takes place 6-8 p.m. Aug. 29 in building 2001.

### Education center news

■ An University of Maryland open house takes place noon to 4 p.m. today.

■ Active-duty members deployed in direct and full support of military operations in contingency areas qualify for 100 percent tuition assistance for distant learning courses.

■ Nominations for Community College of the Air Force degree candidates must arrive at CCAF by Aug. 25.

■ The Financial Aid Student Guide is available online. The free financial aid application is also available on the site. Visit [www.ed.gov/finaid.html](http://www.ed.gov/finaid.html) for more information.

■ Walk-in education counseling services are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday

through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday in building 192. Call or visit the center at 452-6063 for details.

### Volunteers needed

Airmen Against Drunk Drivers needs volunteer drivers 1-6 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and 1-6 a.m. Sunday for dispatch. Call Senior Airman Amanda Gonzales at 452-6543 for details.

### Spangdahlem elementary

Registration for Spangdahlem Elementary School students, grades kindergarten through 4th grade, takes place 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children turning age 5 by Oct. 31 are eligible for kindergarten.

The school also accepts applications for substitute teachers. Call 452-6881 for more information.

### Spangdahlem Middle School

Spangdahlem Middle School needs teaching and nursing substitutes. Call the main office at 452-7205 for details 8 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m.

### School transportation

Students registered for school before Tuesday should receive an information package with a bus pass in the mail by Aug. 15, according to Eifel School Bus office officials. Registration after Tuesday for school bus service is held in the school bus office in building 459 on Spangdahlem.

Sponsors should bring a copy of DD Form 600, School Registration. Customer service hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call the Eifel school bus office at 452-5340 or 06565-615340 for more information.

### Octoberfest trip

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club sponsors a trip to the Munich Oktoberfest celebration Sept. 23. The trip is open to military members 18 and older, non-military members 21 and older. Cost is 90 DM for members, 95 DM for non-members. Cost includes round-trip transportation. Call Shawn Hamilton at 06575-959135 or Christine Coatney at 06565-942202 for details.

### Messages from home

The Stars and Stripes AT&T Message from Home program is looking for family members or friends to send messages to deployed troops.

The program runs through Dec. 27. Messages received by e-mail will be printed in the Stars and Stripes each Tuesday.

People should send messages to [messages@mail.estripes.osd.mil](mailto:messages@mail.estripes.osd.mil). Call Mandy Smith-Nethercott at 349-8357 or 06155-601357 for more information.



## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Bitburg Castle

Today

#### Mission Impossible 2 (PG-13)

This time around, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) leads his IMF team on a mission to re-capture and destroy a deadly German manufactured virus before it falls into terrorist hands.

Saturday

#### Mission Impossible 2

Sunday

#### Mission Impossible 2

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

#### Me, Myself and Irene (R)

When he forgets to take his medication, a Rhode Island state trooper named Charlie, who has a multiple personality disorder, finds himself fighting over the same woman with his violent, sexually aggressive alter-ego. One personality is crazy and aggressive, while the other is more friendly and laid back. Both of these personalities fall in love with Irene.

Thursday

#### Flintstones, Viva Rock Vegas (PG)

Fred and Barney are on top of the world, and life couldn't be better. In Bedrock, Fred ends up falling head over heels in love with Wilma, while Barney and Betty become inseparable. Together they whisk away on a BC-10 for a romantic weekend in Rock Vegas.

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

#### Chicken Run (G)

At Tweedy's Chicken Farm, any chicken who doesn't make her egg quota can meet a "fowl" fate. But Ginger and her fellow flock are determined to break out before they can be fried, filleted or fricasseed. Trapped behind barbed wire fearing for their very lives, Rocky, Ginger, Bunty, Babs and Fowler hatch a desperate plan to fly the coop.

Saturday

#### Chicken Run

Sunday

#### Gladiator (R)

In AD 180, when a cruel new Emperor of Rome, Commodus (River Phoenix), takes power, he strips the rank from Maximus, one of the favored generals of his predecessor and father, the great stoic philosopher-king, Emperor Marc Aurelius. Relegated to fighting in the gladiator arenas to the death lest he challenges Commodus for the emperorship. Can this former leader of men survive long enough to break his chains and wreak his vengeance on his mortal enemy, the man who rules Rome?

Monday

#### Screwed (PG-13)

Willard, the abused and under appreciated chauffeur to Miss Crook, the employer from hell, has devised a foolproof plan for revenge. Along with his hot-headed best friend Rusty, he will kidnap the nasty woman's prized pooch, holding it ransom. But when the dog escapes, Miss Crook mistakenly comes to the conclusion that it's her chauffeur who's been kidnapped.

Tuesday

#### Where the Heart Is (PG-13)

Novalie Nation, a pregnant teenager from Tennessee running away to California with her boyfriend, finds herself abandoned by him at a Wal-Mart store in Oklahoma. Sally Field plays her mother; Stockard Channing plays an eccentric character called Sister Husband . . . not a Nun; Ashley Judd plays the nurse aide that befriends her when she eventually has the baby.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 453-7541.

# Wine tasting, fireworks highlight festival in Trier suburb of Olevig

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A popular wine festival in Olevig, a suburb of Trier, takes place this weekend beginning at 7:30 p.m. today with opening remarks by the Trier wine queen.

Festivities center in Klostergelaende located in the heart of the village. Following the welcome by the queen, the Baby Cham's Showband from Luxembourg performs a variety of music presentations.

Today's highlight is an 11 p.m. fireworks display. Dance music and entertainment follow in the festival area until Saturday morning, depending on weather conditions.

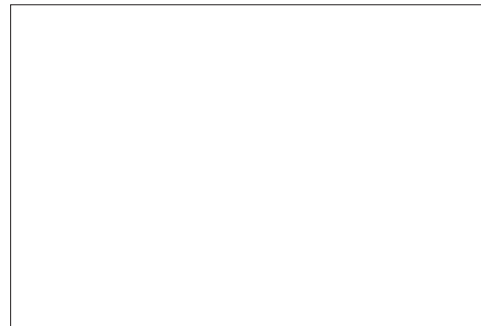
Activities continue at 7:30 p.m. Saturday with music by Michelle Pfeiffer and the Baker-Boys, and Andreas Puhl on the piano, accompanied with songs by Kirsti Alho.

The fun-filled program further includes wine and food stands with wine growers from the Mosel and Saar areas offering some of the finest wines.

Several local folk-dancing groups also take the stage throughout the weekend.

Activities Sunday include a 10 a.m. church service, where grapes and wines will be blessed at the St. Anna catholic church. Following the service, swing and jazz music start playing at 11 a.m. in the festival area. More jazz pours out 4-8 p.m. when the Susanne Schneider Quartett takes over for the evening.

The last day of the festival, Monday, offers soul music as well as more Mosel wine and food tasting. Daniel Denecke also performs



Courtesy photo

Each year, Olevig crowns a new wine queen and appoints a court. For the next year, the queen represents the community at local wine festivals, such as the one coming this weekend.

music from 7-9 p.m.

The Olevig wine festival ends with musical entertainment by the popular local band "Black Cats." Most activities end at about midnight.

To get to Olevig, take the Autobahn into Trier and initially follow signs to Europa hall. Don't go all the way to Europa hall, but watch out for Suedallee road and follow the signs to Olevig.

# Out and about

■ Visit a flea market Sunday at the Kluessersath fair grounds; inside and outside the Kroev Weinbrunnen hall; in front of the Trier Ratio department store, just off the Autobahn; in front of the Trier school, located off B-51 before entering Trier from Bitburg; in front of the Wittlich E-Center store; at the Idar-Oberstein fair grounds; inside and outside the Bernkastel Gueter hall; in front of the Norma store and at the Gerolstein Fischmarkt.

■ Germany's "Summer Sales" started this week. Store owners are depleting their stock for new fall merchandise. People can save up to 50 percent on purchases. Watch for the signs, Schlussverkauf, which mean "sales."

■ Plan to attend the popular Koblenz Rhine Aflame festival Aug. 12. This festival features fireworks displayed over the Ehrenbreitstein castle and in the surrounding Mosel communities, wine tasting, food and entertainment. Look in next week's Eifel Times for a festival schedule.

■ Listen to a classical piano concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Himmerod abbey. Tickets are 15 DM for adults and 7 DM for children.

■ Calligraph book art is on display through Aug. 20 in the Himmerod Abbey. The exhibition by artist Norman Hothum is open 2-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

■ Enjoy the Bitburg Summer Mosaic, an event featuring music, entertainment, art and fun for the entire family through Aug. 30. The major events begin at 7 p.m. Saturday and include barbecues and musical performances.

■ Germany's summer school break ends this weekend as children go back to school Monday, except for the first graders who start Tuesday. Read about Germany's first day of school traditions in next week's Eifel Times.

■ Listen to the jazz concert, "Funky Rasch Hour," at

7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, adjacent to the Porta Nigra. Performing are compositions by Lenny White, Markus Miller, Jamiroquai, David Sanborn and Chaka Khan. Entry is 6 DM.

■ Stop by the 28th AvD Old Timer Grand Prix Festival today through Sunday at the Nuerburging race track. For more information, call 069-66060.

■ Trier sponsors weekly markets throughout the day Tuesday and Friday at the Viehmarkt Platz located in the pedestrian zone. People can find fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers at the markets.

■ The annual Zeltingen wine festival continues through Monday with music and entertainment throughout the Mosel town. A rock and pop festival takes place at 9 p.m. tonight.

■ Pruem Summer is an event offering music, dance performances, food and a variety of entertainment through Aug. 17.

■ Look into the future at the world exposition in Hanover — EXPO 2000 — through October 31. More information will appear in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■ Enjoy the 2000 Rheinland-Pfalz Day today through Sunday in Mainz. The event features the largest festival in the Rheinland-Pfalz with music, parades, food and entertainment. Entry is free. More information about the festival is available at www.rlp.de.

■ Enjoy a day at Europe's newest theme park, Six Flags in Holland. An all day pass and transportation Saturday costs \$60 for adults. Prices vary for children depending upon age. For more information, call Adrienne Williams at 452-6487 or 0172-682-2284.

■ Plan to attend the annual Bernkastel-Kues wine and street festival Aug. 11-13 on Weingarten street. This event is not to be confused with the annual Bernkastel-Middle Mosel wine festival that takes place Aug. 31 through Sept. 4 in the center of town.

■ Plan to attend the 11th European Balloon Festival in Bernkastel-Kues Aug. 11-13. Balloon rides are available for purchase and reservations can be made now by calling 06531-508636. Food and entertainment will be available at the Hotel Mosel park.

■ Wittlich's annual "pig burners" festival takes place Aug. 18-21. More information and a festival schedule will be printed in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■ Visit the Luxembourg City Schobermesse Aug. 21 through Sept. 6. This event is known as the October festival for the Benelux countries.

■ Enjoy the annual Manderscheid Castle festival Aug. 26-27 featuring knights, jousting competitions, a fireworks display, a handicraft market and more. Details will appear in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■ The annual Bernkastel Middle-Mosel wine festival takes place Aug. 31 through Sept. 4. A large fireworks display over the Burg Landshtut takes place at 9 p.m. Sept. 2, and a parade through the town streets follows at 2 p.m. Sept. 3. A festival schedule will be printed in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■ Travel with five people for one day throughout the entire Rheinland-Pfalz state for 30 DM. Stop by a local train station for more information about this special pass.

■ Reserve your ticket now for the Rock am See open-air festival Sept. 1-2 in Losheim, located in the state of Saarland. The concert features numerous popular bands. Tickets are available at the Popp Ticket Service by calling 0651-970550.

■ Plan to attend the region's largest trade exhibition Sept. 30 through Oct. 8 at the Trier Messepark Moselauen fair grounds. For details, call 0651-147230.

# Joint U.S.-Slovak soccer team ties opponent

By Capt. Glen Roberts  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Off the foot of a Spangdahlem airmen, a joint U.S.-Slovak soccer team notched a 1-1 tie against a talented and experienced Slovakian opponent in front of 800 spectators.

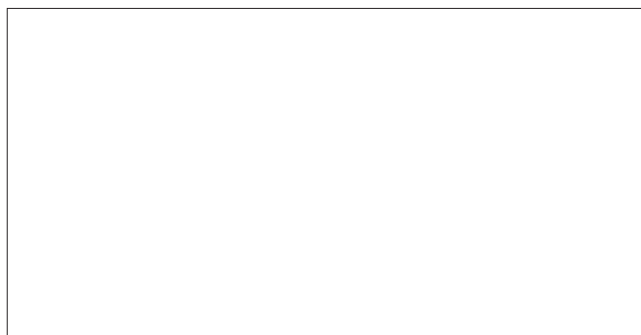
The game took place on the town field in Kuchyna during downtime at the 33rd Air Force Base, Malacky, Slovakia, where nearly 200 from Spangdahlem were recently deployed.

Playing together for the first time, the joint team comprised of eight each Spangdahlem and Slovak military members was able to overcome a 1-0 deficit in the second half of the 90-minute match to score the tying goal.

Juan Cardenas, a crew chief with the 81st Fighter Squadron, scored Malacky's goal with a switch-up and an assist by fellow squadron member Andrew Speares.

"It was luck, really," said Cardenas, as he stepped from the field after the game. "Just a lucky shot."

"Hardly luck," said Milos "Padre" Krchnavy, Slovak air force major, team captain and base chaplain for the 33rd Air Force Base. "He made a good switch at the



Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Andrew Speares, 81st Fighter Squadron operations resource management specialist, takes a shot on goal.

last second to fool their goalie. He's played this game before it seems."

True enough, Cardenas along with Speares and Mervyn Seivwright, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, are all members of the Spangdahlem varsity soccer team. They provided the experienced corps of players for the eight man Spangdahlem contingent.

One player who hadn't played the game before was Michael Beard, 52nd Operations Group commander. Beard, along with Mark Koechle, 81st Fighter Squadron commander, was recruited to play in the game by the Slovak wing commander, Juraj Baranck, who started the game at half-back.

"This is a great honor to be invited to participate in the city's 750-year

anniversary," Beard said. "It's a beautiful day to be outside and a great opportunity to experience a large part of Slovak culture."

Koechle, meanwhile, was also excited for the chance to play.

"My son is really into soccer, and I think he'd get a kick out of seeing dad in a soccer uniform," Koechle said. "I'm a bigger fan than a player."

Strong defense by Alexander "Magoo" Cress and Ryan "Huck" Huckabay, both pilots in the 81st, also contributed to the tie. Daniel Durtschi, 81st FS, sparkled with some outstanding breakaways, as well.

The game was part of a celebration of the 700th anniversary for the town of Kuchyna. Among those participating in the match were Kuchyna's mayor, its chief of police and several other town officials. The age of the participants ranged from 21-56, though there was absolutely no way to tell based on the fierce competition on the field.

"Football (soccer) is a basic part of life in Slovakia," Krchnavy said after the game. "We start very young, and play throughout our lives."

## Eifel sports world

### Softball tournament

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1681 softball tournament takes place Saturday and Sunday. Top teams receive cash prizes in the round-robin tournament using intramural rules. Cost is \$150 per team. Call Master Sgt. David Johnson at 453-3345 or e-mail david.johnson@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

### Skills evaluations

Soccer and flag football skills evaluations for children ages 9-15 are postponed until Aug. 26. Call 453-6267 for details.

### Crud tournament

Challenge the undefeated 23rd Fighter Squadron in a crud tournament at 7 p.m. tonight in the Spang Club. The event is open to officers and civilian equivalents. E-mail heidi.james@spangdahlem.af.mil for registration. Call 452-7494 for details.

### Club championship

Registrations are being accepted for the Eifel Mountain Golf Course Championship Saturday and Sunday. Tee times are scheduled. Cost is \$25 per person plus greens fees. The top ten finishers represent the base against the Bitburgerland Team for the Eifel golfing bragging rights. Call 452-6821 for details.

### Workout partners

Apply for a workout partner at the Spangdahlem fitness center. Call the center at 452-6634.

## Spangdahlem runners join field to compete in Air Force Marathon

By Staff Sgt. Stuart Camp  
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**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** — It's a month after the marathon registration fee increase July 1, and race officials have finished processing registration forms mailed in for the fourth annual United States Air Force Marathon.

Tom Fisher, marathon director, said he's already planning for a record-setting crowd Sept. 16.

"We're staying around 20 percent ahead of last year," he said. The 1999 race set the record with 2,800 runners. "I'm very encouraged with the numbers. If it stays this way, we'll have 3,400 runners."

Two of those already registered to run this year hail from Spangdahlem Air Base — Jill Metzger, a 27 year old with the 52nd Component Repair Squadron, and 26-year-old Bobbie Kirby, 52nd Medical Support Squadron.

Fisher has already increased his orders for marathon patches, and will wait a few more weeks before upping his request for finisher medals and runner T-shirts.

The week following the price increase for marathon and Ekiden relay participants, the marathon staff received more than 600 registrations - including 400 in one day when the July 4 weekend mail poured in.

The most significant statistic is the number of runners entered into the 26.2-mile run. Marathoners are coming from 42 states and several U.S. overseas assignments, and there are foreign runners from Canada and the United Kingdom.

Fisher made no bones about keeping the Air Force Marathon from becoming a relay-dominated event.

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number of relay runners to exceed the marathoners then I have a hard time calling it the Air Force Marathon," Fisher said.

There is a 300-team cap and as of July 20 there were 130 relay teams entered.

The entry deadline is Aug. 31. For more information, call the marathon office at 257-4350 or visit the Web site <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>. (Air Force Print News)